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1. MONSOON ACTIVITY DIMINISHED SLIGHTLY DURING THE WEEK ENDING JULY 13, WHEN COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THE NUMBER OF WEATHER ZONES RECEIVING NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL DECLINED FROM 20 TO 18, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 35. ITS TEMPO WAS MAINTAINED IN NORTHWEST INDIA. FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, ITS PERFORMANCE WAS MOSTLY BELOW NORMAL.

2. DURING THE WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 1977, AREAS RECEIVING NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL WERE: ASSAM AM AND MEGHALAYA, SOUTHERN PARTS OF WEST BENGAL, NORTH BIHAR, UTTAR PRADESH (EXCLUDING PLAINS OF WEST UTTAR PRADESH), HARYANA, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, RAJASTHAN, GUJARAT, COASTAL AND CENTRAL MAHARASHTRA, SOUTHWEST ANDHRA PRADESH,
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TAMIL NADU, AND NORTH INTERIOR KARNATAKA. RAINFALL OVER REST OF THE COUNTRY WAS DEFICIENT TO SCANTY FROM 26 PERCENT IN SOUTHERN PARTS OF BIHAR TO 66 PERCENT IN COASTAL ANDHRA PRADESH (BELOW NORMAL).

3. CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 TO JULY 13, 1977 WAS NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL IN ASSAM, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, SOUTHERN

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PARTS OF WEST BENGAL AND BIHAR, ORISSA, HILLS OF WEST UTTAR

PRADESH, HARYANA, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR
RAJASTHAN,MADHYA PRADESH, GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA (EXCEPT
THE SOUTHEASTERN AREAS), ANDHRA PRADESH, TAMIL NADU,KARNATAKA
AND LAKSHDWEEP. RAINFALL OVER THE BALANCE OF THE COUNTRY WAS BELOW
NORMAL RANGING FROM 23 PERCENT IN NORTHERN BIHAR TO 39 PERCENT
IN EAST UTTAR PRADESH. THE ABOVE WEATHER ZONES WHICH RECEIVED
NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR APPROXMATELY
80 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION (COMPARED TO
50 PERCENT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976), USING AS A
BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71.

4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF UTTAR PRADESH AND NORTH BIHAR,
MONSOON ACTIVITY FOR THE LAST SIX WEEKS HAS GIVEN A BOOST TO KHARIF
SOWING OPERATIONS IN MOST STATES AND A NORMAL KHARIF CROP AT THIS
STAGE IS IN PROSPECT. THIS PRESUMES SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE DURING
THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON (JUNE-SEPTEMBER), HOWEVER,.GOHEEN

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